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Sir:

In a telephone call to the Examiner of Record on December 7, 2004, inquiring about the status of the above-identified application, we learned for the first time that the Final Office Action was mailed on February 6, 2004. We never received the Final Office Action. We also never received a notice of abandonment or a customary phone call from the Examiner about the abandonment. We requested on December 7, 2004 that a copy of the Final Office Action be mailed to us.

Having not received a copy of the Final Office Action or heard from the Examiner, we called the Examiner again on December 17, 2004 and learned that 1) the application is technically abandoned due to the lack of response within six months from the mailing date of the Final Office Action; and 2) a requested copy of the Final Office Action could not be mailed because the correspondence address has not been updated. The Examiner subsequently transmitted a copy of the Final Office Action to us via facsimile.

Applicants respectfully submit that the technical abandonment was caused by the mailing mistake made by the USPTO, through no fault of the applicants. The correspondence address should have been updated as late as December 2003, per the change of correspondence address filed with the USPTO. Our office had moved from

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Apparently, the Final Office Action was mailed to the wrong address on February 18, 2004, despite of the correspondence address change (*see*, the attached page of IFW).

Applicants therefore respectfully request that the holding of abandonment of the above-identified application be withdrawn and that the Final Office Action be re-send to the correct correspondence address with a new mailing date.

Respectfully submitted,



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11-21-2003	Response after Non-Final Action
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04-03-2003	Mail Restriction Requirement
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04-02-2003	Requirement for Restriction / Election
03-21-2003	Case Docketed to Examiner in GAU
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08-06-2001	Applicant has submitted a new/specification to correct Corrected Papers problems
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06-07-2001	Correspondence Address Change
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